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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXAMINER: Thanh K. Truong

ART UNIT: 3721

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INVENTORS: Holger GROSSMANN and Dr. Thomas HEROLD

TITLE: BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING BOTTLES
WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING MATERIAL, AND A
CLEANING DEVICE FOR CLEANING BOTTLES IN A
BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT

Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 25, 2005

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith the following document relating to the above-cited case:

- 1) a Preliminary Amendment and Election having 23 pages;
and
- 2) a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is
requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed
document.

Since the actual due date for this Amendment fell on Saturday, April 23, 2005, it is submitted that the filing of this Amendment, today, Monday, April 25, 2005, is timely in accordance with MPEP §710.05.

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It is believed that no fee is required to file the enclosed document.

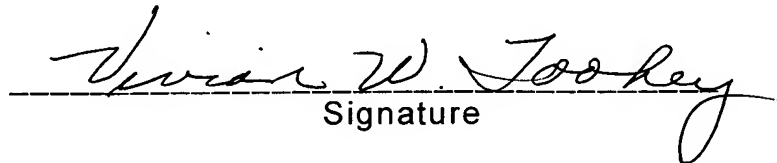
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated March 23, 2005,
please enter the following Preliminary Amendment and Election.